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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Election-of-Species Requirement in 1 page.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election-of-Species Requirement mailed on November 30, 2005, Applicant elects Species II identified by the Examiner, corresponding to Figures 8-15. All of the current claims (1-19) are readable on this species. The election of species made herein does not limit the applicability of the present claims to cover species other than that elected.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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